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British Medical Association.

CURRENT NOTES.

State-aided Patients in Voluntary Hospitals: Conference at Cambridge.

As stated in this column last week, the Hospitals Committee of the Association is issuing to the staffs of all the larger voluntary hospitals a memorandum showing the development of the practice of treating State-supported or State-aided patients at voluntary hospitals, and pointing out how seriously this practice affects the position of the honorary medical staffs. The question is raised more particularly in connexion with the treatment of pensioners, about which there have been recent negotiations between the British Medical Association, the Ministry of Pensions, and the British Hospitals Association. The importance of the precedents which have recently been created is strongly emphasized in view of the probable early developments in the use of the voluntary hospitals by the State and by local authorities; and the Branches of the Association have been asked to call meetings of the staffs of voluntary hospitals in their areas to discuss the question, and to arrange for common action as regards the treatment of pensioners. During the Annual Meeting at Cambridge a meeting will be held in the Small Examination Hall at 3 p.m. on Thursday, July 1st, with Sir Cuthbert Wallace, K.C.M.G., in the chair, and all members of staffs of voluntary hospitals and all Branch Secretaries who are present at Cambridge are invited.

A Development of Contract Practice in Scotland.

The Scottish Committee at its last meeting had under consideration a report by the Scottish Medical Secretary on several cases which had come to his notice from different areas where Labour representatives had made attempts to introduce a new practitioner in opposition to established practitioners. The cases all occurred in mining areas where the system of attendance on dependants by contract prevails, although there are no actual appointments, freedom of choice being the general rule. In the cases referred to certain Labour organizations advertised for a doctor to settle in a place and promised remunerative practice. The conditions of appointments were not stated, but the doctor "appointed" was to undertake attendance on dependants of workers at the accepted rate prevailing for miners' families. Here and there a certain amount of canvassing seems to have been done, and one case was reported to the General Medical Council by the Medical Defence Union. The Scottish Medical Secretary reported the steps he had taken in each case, and stated that he had been able to put a stop to the proposal in some instances and in others to make an arrangement satisfactory to the resident practitioners. In at least one instance, however, a man had been got to settle in spite of the representations made to him, but there was evidence that he had not been able to make much of the experiment. The cases reported are not confined to one area, and the movement seems likely to spread. The Scottish Committee decided to circularize Secretaries of Divisions and Branches, and to warn them to take prompt and early action in the event of the tendency arising in their area. It was also resolved to ask the General Medical Council to consider the advisability of reissuing the notice as to canvassing.

MEETING OF SCOTTISH COMMITTEE.

THE Scottish Committee met in Edinburgh on June 10th, when Dr. GOFF presided, and various questions of importance were considered.

Salaries of Prisons' Medical Officers and Parochial Medical Officers.

It was resolved to communicate with doctors holding these appointments and obtain information as to the points in which improvements in the conditions of service were desired, with a view to taking action with the authorities concerned.

Medico-Legal Fees.

The question of increase in medico-legal fees was also considered and held over, pending the publication of the revised scale which, it is understood, will be issued by the Treasury authorities shortly.

Vaccination.

Reports were received from various areas as to the schemes for free vaccination during the present epidemic of small-pox. The schemes show great variation in conditions and rates of remuneration offered. The Scottish Medical Secretary reported that in cases where the fee offered was small, he had written to the authorities concerned, asking them to bring their fee into line with the rate usually charged in private practice in the district. It was reported that the Edinburgh authority proposed to appoint whole-time practitioners to do house-to-house visitation at a fee of £7 7s. a week, and also to establish centres for vaccination at which the fee would be £1 1s. per session extending to about three hours. The Committee resolved that the fee for whole-time service should be at the rate of £12 12s. a week, and for attendance at a centre £2 2s. a session of two and a half hours. The Secretary was instructed to intimate the resolutions to the authority concerned and to Division and Branch Secretaries. It was resolved to draw the attention of the Insurance Acts Subcommittee to the question of vaccination of insured persons.

Annual Meeting of Scottish Secretaries.

A proposal to hold an annual meeting of Scottish Secretaries of Divisions and Branches was remitted to the Chairman's Subcommittee.

ANNUAL MEETING AT CAMBRIDGE.

Naval and Military Section.

THE following is the full programme of the Naval, Military, and Air Force Section, which will meet on Wednesday, June 30th, in the Engineering Lecture Room:

At 10.15 a.m. the President, Colonel Joseph Griffiths, C.M.G., will open a discussion on "The medical service and its relation to the education and training of newly qualified medical men." Papers will be read on "The measures evolved to combat gas warfare," by Lieut.-Colonel P. S. Lelean, C.B., C.M.G., Professor of Hygiene, R.A.M. College; "The regimental medical officer, his powers and duties," by Colonel R. J. Blackham,

C.B., C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O.; and "The teeth in the recruit," by Major J. P. Helliwell, C.B.E.

At 2 p.m. there will be the following exhibits and demonstrations in the Cavendish Laboratory:

I. R.A.M.C. Exhibits: Major C. M. Rigby, (*a*) mobile *x*-ray unit, (*b*) field *x*-ray equipment as used in a casualty clearing station, (*c*) electro-medical equipment; Lieut.-Colonel P. S. Lelean, (*d*) water purification, (*e*) methods adopted in the prevention of insect disease, (*f*) protection against poison gas, (*g*) museum miniature models of equipment in field sanitation; Major M. Sinclair, (*h*) surgical instruments, splints, etc.; Lieut.-Colonel J. P. Helliwell, (*i*) dental equipment of the new army.

II. R.A.F. Medical Service. Wing Commander Martin Flack, C.B.E.: The latest medical instruments and their uses in the direction of physical standards necessary in the Air Force Service.

Section of Venereal Diseases.

On the afternoon of Thursday, July 1st, there will be three demonstrations in the Medical Schools (not at Addenbrooke's Hospital as previously announced), one by Dr. Barnard upon dark-ground methods of microscopic diagnosis; one by Colonel Harrison upon the routine treatment of gonorrhoea in the male; and it is hoped that Dr. Morna Rawlins will be able to give a similar demonstration of gonorrhoea in the female.

Honorary Degrees.

The Congregation for Honorary Degrees will be held in the Senate House on Tuesday, June 29th, at 3 o'clock, not at 3.30 p.m. as announced last week.

Association Notices.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

NORFOLK BRANCH.—The Honorary Secretary, Sir Hamilton A. Ballance, announces that the annual meeting of the Norfolk Branch will be held at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich, on Wednesday, July 7th, at 3.45 p.m. The following papers will be read: "Modern Methods of Diagnosis," by A. J. Cleveland, O.B.E., M.D., M.R.C.P.; "Surgical Experiences—A Retrospect of Twenty-five Years' Practice," by H. Muir Evans, M.D. Dr. G. C. Anderson, Deputy Medical Secretary, will give an address on "The British Medical Association from Behind the Scenes."

OXFORD AND READING BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the Branch will be held at Newbury on Tuesday, July 6th, at 5 p.m. Dr. Victor Bonney will give a lecture on "Modern Methods in the Treatment of Difficult Labour."

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH: MONMOUTHSHIRE DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Monmouthshire Division will be held on Friday, July 16th, at the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Mon. An Address will be given by the Medical Secretary, Dr. Alfred Cox, O.B.E., on "The Future of Medical Practice in the Mining Districts of South Wales and Monmouthshire—Servitude or Independence."

DIARY OF SOCIETIES AND LECTURES.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.—*Section of Odontology:* Monday, 8 p.m. Discussion: "Pathology of Dental Cysts," to be opened by Mr. J. G. Turner, F.R.C.S., to be followed by Mr. F. Colman, Mr. E. D. D. Davies, Mr. Dolamore, Mr. F. N. Doubleday, Mr. M. F. Hopson, Mr. E. Hughes, Mr. T. B. Layton, and Mr. Herbert Tilley.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

LONDON HOSPITAL SURGICAL UNIT, E.—Wed., 4 p.m., Mr. Russell Howard: Acute Abdomen.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Tues., 4.30 p.m., Dr. W. Dyson: Eczema.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, W.C.—Out-patient Clinics, 2-3.30 p.m. daily, excepting Wed. and Sat. Mon., 3.30 p.m., Dr. Saunders: Compression Paraplegia. Tues., 3.30 p.m., Dr. Risien Russell: Progressive Muscular Atrophy. Wed., 2 p.m., Dr. J. Taylor: Ocular and Visual Conditions in Nervous Diseases. 3.15 p.m. and Thurs., 3.30 p.m., Dr. Gordon Holmes: Cerebro-spinal Syphilis. Fri., Dr. Collier: Ward Cases.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.15.—Daily, 2.30 p.m., Operations, Medical and Surgical Clinics, etc. Mon., 2.30 p.m., Dr. Banister: Gynaecological. Tues., 9.45 a.m., Lieut.-Colonel Elliot: Eye Cases and Operations; 2.15 p.m., Mr. Gillespie: Dilatation of Colon; 3.15 p.m., Dr. Whiting: Sinus Irregularity; 4.30 p.m., Lecture, Dr. Banister: Ante partum Haemorrhage. Wed., 2.30 p.m., Dr. Oliver: Dermatological. Thurs., 2.30 p.m., Mr. N. Fleming: Ophthalmological. Dr. Metcalfe: Radiology. Fri., 2.30 p.m., Dr. Sundell: Children. Sat., 3 p.m., Mr. Carson: Surgical Cases.

ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL, Southwark, S.E.—Wed., 5 p.m., Mr. Letchworth: Colour Vision and Colour Blindness.

WEST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Hammersmith, W.—Daily, 10 a.m., Wards; 2 p.m., In- and Out-patients and Operations. Mon., 2 p.m., Dr. Simson: Diseases of Women; Mr. Harman: Eyes. Tues., 10 a.m., Dr. Robinson: Gynaecological Operations; 2 p.m., Mr. Davis: Throat, Nose, and Ear. Wed., 2 p.m., Dr. Owen: Out-patients; 2 p.m., Mr. Addison: Operations. Thurs., 2 p.m., Mr. Armour: Operations; 2.30 p.m., Dr. Saunders: Wards. Fri., 2.30 p.m., Mr. Gray: Operations; Mr. Addison: Wards. Sat., 2 p.m., Dr. Beddard: Wards.

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Diary of the Association.

Annual Meeting, Cambridge.

JUNE.

25 Fri. Annual Representative Meeting (Examination Halls), 10 a.m.
Representatives' Dinner, Lion Hotel, 7.45 p.m.

26 Sat. Annual Representative Meeting, 9.30 a.m.
Representatives' Smoking Concert, Gonville and Caius College, 9 p.m.

27 Sun. Representatives' Garden Party, Downing College, 4 to 6 p.m.

28 Mon. Council (Small Examination Hall), 9 a.m.
Annual Representative Meeting, 9.30 a.m.
Election Returns Committee (on termination of Representative Meeting).

29 Tues. Annual Representative Meeting, 9.30 a.m.
Annual General Meeting, 2 p.m.
Annual Representative Meeting, 2.30 p.m.
Election Returns Committee (on termination of Representative Meeting).
President's Address: Adjourned Annual General Meeting, Senate House, 8.30 p.m.

30 Wed. Council, 9 a.m.
Meetings of Sections (Medical and Biological Schools), 10 a.m.
Conference of Secretaries (Examination Halls), 3 p.m.
Secretaries' Dinner, Lion Hotel, 7.30 p.m.

JULY.

1 Thurs. Meetings of Sections (Medical and Biological Schools), 10 a.m.
Conference of Members of Medical Staffs of Voluntary Hospitals (Small Examination Hall), 3 p.m.
Annual Dinner of the Association (Hall of St. John's College), 8 p.m.

2 Fri. Meetings of Sections (Medical and Biological Schools), 10 a.m.

3 Sat. Excursions. See SUPPLEMENT, June 19th, p. 197.

The Annual Exhibition of Surgical Instruments Drugs, Foods, etc., will be open at the Corn Exchange, Wheeler Street, from Tuesday, June 29th, till Friday, July 2nd.

6 Tues. Oxford and Reading Branch, Annual Meeting, Newbury, 5 p.m.

7 Wed. Norfolk Branch, Annual Meeting, Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich, 3.45 p.m. Address by the Deputy Medical Secretary.

16 Fri. Monmouthshire Division, Annual Meeting, Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport. Address by Medical Secretary.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is **7s. 6d.**, *which sum should be forwarded with the notice not later than the first post on Tuesday morning in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.*

BIRTHS.

DAVIDSON.—At 6, Lynedoch Place, Glasgow, W., on the 15th June, the wife of Norman Davidson, O.B.E., F.R.C.S.E., a daughter.

MITCHELL.—At 4, Grange Road, West Hartlepool, the wife of J. Elmsly Mitchell, M.D.Aberd., of a son.

PHILLIPS.—On the 18th June, at 2, Cavendish Court, Cavendish Square, W.1, to Phyllis, wife of Hugh R. Phillips, M.D., a son.

QUIRKE.—On May 31st, at Culm Davy, Handsworth Wood, the wife of Major M. J. Quirke, I.M.S., of a son.

ROE.—To Elizabeth and Robert Bradley Roe, M.R.C.S., of 46, Harlestone Road, St. James, Northampton, on May 20th, a daughter.

TONKS.—On May 22nd, at 22, Watling Street, Gillingham, Kent, to Dr. and Mrs. Myles Tonks, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

McCREADIE—FINDLAY.—At St. Mary's Church, Nelson, on the 17th June, by the Rev. J. W. Marsh, Dr. Anthony John McCreadie, M.C., only son of Mr. Anthony McCreadie, late of Alford, to Muriel Harper, elder daughter of Dr. Findlay, M.B., C.M., Nelson.

DEATHS.

BRUCE.—At Huntingdon House, Melbourne, Derbyshire, on the 12th inst., Annie Agnes, wife of George Bruce, M.B.

HUGHES.—On June 14th, at Thorn Tree House, Macclesfield, Guy, the beloved husband of Ragnhild Hughes, and youngest son of the late Dr. Brierley Hughes, aged 43 years.

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